

# LEE CRUCE

Democracy's Stainless Knight  
Delivered a Non-Partisan Address.

Lee Cruce, of Ardmore, spoke last night to 500 citizens, receiving the utmost attention and frequent applause. Mr. Cruce's speech was what may be termed a vote-getter. It was non-partisan in character, but wholly for statehood and the constitution.

He was introduced by County Chairman Boyle, and spoke for nearly an hour. There were a number of ladies present. Mr. Cruce spoke in substance as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen, friends. We are come now to a discussion of measures; not of men. We settled the question of men at the primary election last June, and now in voting it only remains for the voter to remember that he is voting for principles, for his honest views, and the faith and hope that is in him.

I wish to know if there are Republicans present. I will thank every one of you to hold up your hands. (Show of hands). Thank you, gentlemen; now I want to say to you that I am not before you in any partisan purpose. If I believed the Democratic principles were wrong, I would not be here tonight. And I want you to understand that if I believed my party wrong, it would be my duty to vote against it. Parties get wrong on questions, and it is only by the vote of the fearless citizen against that wrong that his party can be brought back into the paths of right, and be kept a party of hope. Now I am glad to speak to Republicans and Socialists; I have no message of conversion for Democrats, who are already converted.

Now, I am sure that the majority of men, Democrat and Republican, want really to build a magnificent state here, but an effort is being made to blow up the fires of partisan feeling to enlist Republicans against it. Statehood is the paramount question, because it offers the only escape from the present form of Territorial misgovernment. The Democratic party offers you statehood now, and it is the party in Oklahoma that has made statehood possible. The Democratic minority in the National House of Representatives, assisted by some insurgent Republicans, gave you the enabling act, and Canon and his majority were against it. The records and your own recollections show these to be the facts.

The Republican leaders at Tulsa were opposed to statehood, and wrote in their platform by any means the voters could be persuaded to vote against it. The President to turn it down, I promise that the territorial government should be extended over Indian Territory. They offer this as a substitute for self-government, and Secretary Taft comes down here and says the same thing, and insults the citizenship of the Two Territories by telling us that we are not ready for self-government. My friends, Democracy takes up the people's battle, and says we could give you statehood and self-government now; the Republican leaders say wait awhile you are not ready and capable of governing yourself yet, and do not tell you when you will be ready. Those of you who are against governing yourself could vote the Republican ticket of you who are for statehood and self-government should vote with the Democrats.

Gentlemen, the two parties are sharply on the constitution. Republicans against it and Democrats for it, and the constitution is the only way to statehood. The Republican leadership objection to the constitution is that they didn't write it; I know men on their ticket who would give every dollar they possessed to have written such a document. My friends, the constitution is not a partisan matter, it affects all Republicans and Democrats, alike. Who have tried to make it a partisan issue, — who but the Republican leaders and press?

Now, let us consider the criticisms that are made against it. The opponents to statehood claim that not enough tax has been allowed to maintain the schools—that it will be possible to maintain district schools but two months in the year. Now, none of their speakers in talking this, make mention of the \$5,000,000 appropriation for school fund carried in the enabling act, or the income to be derived from 440,000 acres of school land in Oklahoma. The interest on \$5,000,000 at 5 per cent is \$250,000; The income from the land will be \$4 million, the taxed values of Oklahoma Territory for 1906 are \$106,000,000; and the actual values cannot be less than \$424,000,000 at a low estimate; while in the same proportion, Indian Territory cannot be less than \$275,000,000. A 5 mill levy on the combined valuation would provide 4,000,000 to which add the \$1,000,000 already shown. Dividing this among 200,000 pupils gives \$25 per capita. Isn't that enough? Adding the 10 mill maximum levy, the sum raised would be \$10,750,000, — or \$53 per capita.

Then there is the gerrymander. My friends, I have just been up in Mr. McGuire's district that contains 150,000 population less than the 5th congressional district. Up there they speak of the gerrymander as the McGuire-mander. For myself, I don't believe in gerrymanders. If I thought that the constitution provides one such as the Republican organs claim, I would vote against it. But it is not so. The apportionment was based on figures from Republican sources, and now President Roosevelt is spending \$90,000 to learn the truth of the matter. Why did he not have this census made before the apportionment was arranged?

Another criticism is that labor and capital is banished. Now, the Farmers' Union and the organized labor had committees at Guthrie all through the work of the convention, and their measures were included. As for capital the only dollar that will be driven out of Oklahoma will be the criminal dollar. The only remedy for the trust situation is the jail sentence for the law-breaking trust magnates. Even the \$29,000,000 fine levied by Judge Landis, will be paid actually by the users of the Standard Oil Kerosene.

They tell us in their platform that the government the people have provided is unrepresentative in form. If they believed that they should not have put out a ticket, which, if elected, will have to take oath to support it and enforce it.

Now what have the Republican speakers and editors promised us in return for turning down statehood? We do not claim this constitution to be perfect, but only that it is the best so far. Constitutions and governments go forward, as well as other things. But they put us in a condition of a man who has a good horse, blind in one eye. They want us to trade our horse for one we have never seen and know nothing about. Would you do it? You might get a horse totally blind and worthless for any purpose.

Their platform says they are the anti-trust party, when every trust in the United States has grown up under Republican administrations.

My friends, the two territories are out of the Union of States now. It rests with you whether they shall remain out after September 17.

## Republican Ticket

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<input type="checkbox"/> For Congressman 2nd Dist. THOMPSON B. FERGUSON	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Judge of 15th Judicial Dist. EUGENE E. MORRIS	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Senator 15th Dist. M. H. MITCHELL	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Senator 15th Dist. E. F. SHORT	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Representative WILLIAM McFADYEN	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Representative JAMES L. JENKINS	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Joint Representative HENRY C. WILLIAMS	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Sheriff A. J. BLANKENSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Attorney MARVIN BRISTOW	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Clerk of the District Court GUY R. GILLET	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Register of Deeds D. KARNIS	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Clerk D. D. HOAG	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Treasurer S. J. CARPENTER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Judge of the County Court A. J. PERRY	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Superintendent of Public Instruction O. H. KERNS	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Surveyor M. E. MONSELL	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Commissioner—1st Dist. A. D. CANON	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Commissioner—2nd Dist. F. J. MOULTON	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Commissioner—3rd Dist. J. C. HENDRYX	

## Democrat Ticket

(DESIGN) ROOSTER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Congressman 2nd Dist. ELMER L. FULTON	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Judge of 15th Judicial Dist. FRANK M. BAILEY	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Senator 15th Dist. LEE TAYLOR	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Senator 15th Dist. GEORGE O. JOHNSON	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Representative C. C. FISHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Representative FRANK STEVENS	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Joint Representative BEN F. WILSON	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Sheriff TYRE BAKER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Attorney THEODORE PRUETT	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Clerk of the District Court CLYDE C. LEECH	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Register of Deeds B. F. COOPER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Clerk JOHN D. PUGH	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Treasurer ED. M. WEST	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Judge of the County Court B. F. HOLDING	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Superintendent of Public Instruction MAUDE E. WIDAMAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Surveyor J. M. CARTER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Commissioner—1st Dist. JAMES MURPHY	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Commissioner—2nd Dist. C. C. FISHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Commissioner—3rd Dist. S. E. THURMOND	

## Socialist Ticket

(DESIGN) OPEN HAND	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Senator 15th Dist. JOHN P. BLOCK	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Senator 15th Dist. J. N. WESRIDGE	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Representative A. L. SOLOMON	
<input type="checkbox"/> For State Representative G. N. GILLETTE	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Sheriff ASPER EXENDINE	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Attorney HENRY C. DIEHL	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Clerk of the District Court WILLIAM G. PLEDGER	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Register of Deeds Mrs. LILLA D. THOMAS	
<input type="checkbox"/> For County Clerk CHAS. B. ROSE	
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## Ferguson's Record.

Ex-governor Ferguson, republican candidate for congress from the Second district of Oklahoma, finds himself weighted down by the millstone of his record as governor of the territory which reveals indisputably the fact that he was the "good friend of the railroads" and a traitor to the people.

As chairman of the board which assessed the railroads of Oklahoma he valued them for assessment as follows:

For the year 1902, \$3,223 per mile.  
For the year 1903, \$2,682 per mile.  
For the year 1904, \$3,060 per mile.  
For the year 1905, \$3,262 per mile.

From this exposition it is manifest that the average valuation per mile for the four years was only \$3,056.

That this valuation was ridiculously low is made evident by the fact that President Ripley of the Santa Fe testified under oath before a committee of the Kansas legislature at the last session that the entire system was worth \$90,000 per mile.

It will also be recalled that J. T. Marchand, the personal representative of President Winchell of the Rock Island, in an authentic interview printed exclusively in the Oklahoman of July 5, stated that the average value of all railroads in the United States was \$55,261 per mile.

Governor Ferguson's valuation, it will be seen, was about one-seventeenth the actual value of the property assessed. The property of the Oklahoma farmer is assessed at about one-seventh the actual value, and personal property one-third, as shown by the report of the governor to the secretary of the interior for 1906 at page 26, wherein he states that they were valued for assessment as follows:

Farm lands	3.19 per acre.
Horses	16.16 each
Mules	23.07 each
Sheep	1.10 each

If this property of the farmer was assessed at one-seventeenth, then mules, for instance, would be worth each \$392.19.

The people of Oklahoma also recall with displeasure the fact that, when governor, Mr. Ferguson never turned his hands to compel railroads to charge lawful freight rates, but all of the time his wife, his son and his "hired" girl were riding on free passes furnished by the railroads.—Oklahoman.

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J. W. Thomas, the obliging clerk in at Cooper's shoe store, has returned from a vacation of two months, spent in Galveston, San Antonio, Ft. Worth and other points in Texas.

Miss Jessie Bucknum, who taught here in the schools last year, and who has been visiting in the city, has returned to her home in Oklahoma City, where she is attending business college.

## Two Business Changes.

L. Urquhart moved his stock of groceries yesterday from Postmaster Campbell's building on Broadway to the Conover building on C. street, where he will be glad to meet his old friends and form new acquaintances. After October 1, Dr. B. K. Wood's drug store will occupy the room vacated by Mr. Urquhart.

## First Load of Cotton.

The first load of cotton, belonging to J. T. Barr, living one mile south of the city, came into town yesterday about midnight. Mr. Barr has the honor of winning the \$35 prize offered by our merchants for the first cotton brought to market here. The cotton has not yet been ginned.

## Probate Court

A suit brought forward by W. D. Carson against Patrick Wells is being tried today in the probate court. Theo. Pruett is attorney for the plaintiff and Dyke Ballinger for the defendant. The decision has not yet been rendered.

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## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Board proceeded to appoint the Inspectors of Election for the holding of the election in the several voting precincts of the county, for the election to be held September 17, 1907, as follows; to-wit:

Precinct	Inspector
No. 1.	Frank Carpenter
" 2.	James M. Miller
" 3.	J. C. Dillon
" 4.	J. B. Snyder
" 5.	H. E. Urlick
" 6.	I. F. Copley
" 7.	H. E. Lockhart
" 8.	Henry Kelly
" 9.	William Gordon
" 10.	S. M. Boydston
" 11.	R. L. Winchell
" 11 1/2.	H. N. Christian
" 12.	Fletcher Mogg
" 13.	C. W. Zimmerman
" 14.	J. T. Stephens
" 15.	J. O. Mootor
" 16.	Asa Ellis
" 17.	A. T. Cook
" 18.	F. M. Sheets
" 19.	E. Davidson
" 20.	W. W. Clark
" 21.	Charles Rusk
" 22.	W. C. Thompson
" 23.	Spencer Brooks
" 24.	W. E. Bailey
" 25.	C. W. Ludwick
" 26.	Chas. H. Cheatham
" 27.	S. E. Stevens
" 28.	Henry Voldt
" 29.	Fred A. Eldor
" 30.	S. A. D. Alcott
" 31.	Chris Schlitt
" 32.	J. H. Mace
" 33.	J. G. Clawson
" 34.	E. H. Stewart
" 35.	A. L. Moore
" 36.	H. Gilbreath
" 37.	C. W. Ansbacher
" 38.	Frank Ward
" 39.	Rice McAtee
" 40.	Randall Livers
" 41.	W. H. Davis